

and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean war, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **May 6**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Stillwater, OK, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer William O'Connor. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with President Olusegun Obasango of Nigeria and President Dennis Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo to discuss the peace process in Darfur, Sudan. Later, at Oklahoma State University, he met with family members of a soldier killed in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

#### **May 8**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer David Tompkins. Later, at a private residence, he made remarks at a Friends of Clay Shaw reception.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House on May 16.

The President announced his intention to nominate Troy R. Justesen to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric Solomon to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Stuart Symington IV to be Ambassador to Djibouti.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ellen C. Williams to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on Disability: John R. Vaughn; Victoria Ray Carlson; Chad Colley; and Lisa Mattheiss.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sean M. Healey as a member of the President's Export Council.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to attend the Inauguration of President Rene Garcia Preval of Haiti on May 14: Jeb Bush (head of delegation); Janet Ann Sanderson; and M. Rony Francois.

#### **May 9**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Coconut Creek, FL.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Tampa, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Julie Whitney. He then traveled to Sun City Center, FL.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Orlando, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dick Stipe.

#### **May 10**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Norman's Restaurant, he participated in an interview with representatives of Florida's print media.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

### **May 11**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Yellow Oval Room, he met with Chinese human rights activists Li Baiguang, Wang Yi, and Yu Jie.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Biloxi, MS, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Deeneaus Polk.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with family members of soldiers killed in the war on terror. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gayleatha Beatrice Brown to be Ambassador to Benin.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter R. Coneway to be Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christina B. Rocca for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

The President announced his intention to nominate William H. Tobey to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation in the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arthur E. Johnson and Walter B. McCormick, Jr., as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission on Presidential Scholars: Robert A. Gleason, Jr.; Richard R. Kilgust; J. Bryan Pickens; Linda O. Shaw; and Harvey W. Schiller.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad: Linda Leuchter Addison; Ronald H. Bloom; David A. Burke; Mordechai E. Gobioff; Andrew M. Klein; Elizabeth May Stern; Robert Zarnegin; Martin Berson Gold; and Harley Lippman.

### **May 12**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted May 8**

General Michael V. Hayden,  
U.S. Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Troy R. Justesen,  
of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

W. Stuart Symington, IV,  
of Missouri, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

### **Submitted May 9**

Victoria Ray Carlson,  
of Iowa, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007, vice Joel Kahn, term expired.

Chad Colley,  
of Florida, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007, vice David Wenzel, term expired.

Lisa Mattheiss,  
of Tennessee, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007, vice Carol Hughes Novak, term expired.